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1. SUMMARY: ECONOMIC COUNCIL MAY FACE DIMINUTION IN SIZE FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 1978 MEETING. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULES OF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD. END SUMMARY.
2. PINKAVA (CZECHOSLOVAK CO-CHAIRMAN OF U.S.-CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMIC COUNCIL) RECEIVED GOLDMAN (SPERRY RAND COUNSEL, REPRESENTING U. J. C. -CHAIRMAN LYET) ON MAY 25 FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.
3. PINKAVA (PERHAPS AS TACTICAL MOVE) TOLD GOLDMAN THAT HE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY CONVINCING KEY DECISIONMAKERS IN FTO'S AND ENTERPRISES TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR, BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF CONCRETE RESULTS ON EXPANDED TRADE. GOLDMAN REPLIED THAT THE U.S. COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNCIL ALSO DID NOT HAVE UNLIMITED PATIENCE OR RESOURCES TO CONTINUE IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY PROGRESS, BUT THAT SPERRY-FMTIR COOPERATION AGREEMENT (SEE REFTEL) WAS ONE SUCH SIGN THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE WITHIN  
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EXISTING POLITICAL REALITIES.

4. BOTH AGREED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD CONSIDER IN SEPTEMBER EITHER: A) REDUCING THE FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS, OR B) MEETING ONLY IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL CANNOT DO VERY MUCH, IT WOULD BE "TEN

TIMES WORSE TO DISBAND," THUS THE ISSUE OF  
DISBANDING WILL BE NIXED FOR THIS YEAR, IF RAISED  
AT ALL.

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE, AMENDED BY GOLDMAN, IS AS  
FOLLOWS:

SEPT 8 - ARRIVAL IN PRAGUE, WITH LODGING AT  
HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAGUE (NOT YET CONFIRMED  
FOR ENTIRE STAY) OR PERHAPS HOTEL MOSKVA IN KARLOVY  
VARY. NOTE: GOLDMAN NOTED PREFERENCE FOR ENTIRE  
STAY IN INTERCONTINENTAL IN VIEW OF DIFFERENT ETA'S  
OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS, DIFFERENT INTERESTS, AND  
EASE IN MAKING DAY TRIPS FROM PRAGUE. EMBASSY  
UNDERSTANDS CEDOK IS WORKING ON TRIP DETAILS AND  
LODGING IN INTERCONTINENTAL PRAGUE ALONG LINES  
GOLDMAN SUGGESTED.

SEPT 9 AND 10 - POSSIBLE DAY TRIPS FOR CZECHO-  
SLOVAK AND U.S. PARTICIPANTS BY CHARTERED BUS TO  
KARLOVY VARY (THERMAL SPRINGS SPA), KARLSTEJN CASTLE,  
MARIANSKE LAZNE SPA, PILSEN, AND OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST.

SEPT 11 - COUNCIL MEETING CONVENES AT HOTEL  
INTERNATIONAL, WITH POSSIBLE SPEECHES BY FOREIGN  
MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR BYRNE, LYET AND  
PINKAVA. U.S. SIDE MAY BE PRESENTING DISCUSSIONS  
ON MACHINERY, BANKING, AND CONSUMER GOODS. CZECHO-  
SLOVAK SIDE'S PROGRAM NOT YET CLEAR, BUT WILL PROBABLY  
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INCLUDE A TALK ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMY.  
AFTER A WORKING LUNCH, AN AFTERNOON SESSION OF  
DISCUSSIONS WILL FOLLOW. (LADIES WILL HAVE A  
SEPARATE PROGRAM CONSISTING OF A TOUR OF OLD PRAGUE  
AND A VISIT TO THE MOSER CRYSTAL EXHIBITION.)

SEPT 12 - MORNING SESSION OF COUNCIL WITH  
SIGNING OF COMMUNIQUE AND WORKING LUNCH. (LADIES  
WILL POSSIBLY TOUR KONOPISTE CASTEL AND SLAPY DAM  
WITH LUNCHEON AT BARRADOV TERRACES RESTAURANT;  
AND AFTERNOON FREE.)

SEPT 13 - MORNING TOUR OF PRAGUE, LUNCHEON AT  
INTERCONTINENTAL, BUS TRIP TO BRNO, WITH ACCOMMO-  
DATION AT HOTEL INTERNATIONAL. 1600-1800 RECEPTION  
AT USATECH 78 PAVILION ON BRNO FAIRGROUNDS.

SEPT 14 - PARTICIPANTS DEPART FOR VIENNA BY  
BUS.  
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